June 30, 2026

The Eastman City Council met in a called meeting on the above date at 3:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Graham Snyder, John Battle, Debra Sheffield, and Debra Sheffield. Councilor Dwayne Burney was unable to attend. Others present were City Manager Spencer Barron, City Clerk April Sheffield, Code Enforcer Gerald Fordham, and Public Works Director Wynnon Pittman. Present from the community were Thad Haley, Kylie Hart, and Bodie Gray.

The meeting was held at the usual location; however, due to scheduling conflicts in the Chambers, it took place in the City Manager's office. The called meeting was necessary to approve bids and authorize equipment purchases before the next regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Snyder.

Councilor Peacock gave the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA:

The agenda was amended to add #5 – LMIG Roads, #6 – Playground bids for the Park, and #7 – A/C at the Park. This was unanimously approved on a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Battle. The newly amended agenda was approved on a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Battle.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF AUGER FOR WWTP:

The WWTP is in desperate need of an auger to replace one of the current ones that is no longer in good working condition. The official term is Spiral Auger and Trough Liner for Helixpress. Matt has procured a quote from Parkson for $10,020. There is a 5-week lead time for this part. It is a necessary part to keep the plant up and running so **council unanimously approved the purchase on a motion from Councilor Peacock and a second from Councilor Battle. Councilor Snyder confirmed with Manager Barron the either the Water Fund or the SPLOST Fund will be supplying the money for this purchase.**

APPROVE BIDS FOR PARK PAVILION AND SLAB AND FOR RENOVATIONS TO PARK BUILDING B:

An advertisement was published a few weeks ago requesting bids to construct a pavilion on a slab at the Park and renovate Building B for public bathrooms. Those bids have come in and Wynnon and Dayna have both looked them over thoroughly. Roberson Concrete & Masonry submitted $ 52,795 for the pavilion project. Batts Constructing submitted $ 13,010 for the B Building project. Graham & Studstill was the only bid that included both projects. They were also the only licensed general contractor that submitted. Because these projects are included in the state grant that was awarded, requirements are for a general contractor. Therefore, the recommendation is to award Graham & Studstill both projects. **The council unanimously voted to proceed with Graham and Studstill's bids of $17,250 for the pavilion project and $35,354 (26 gauge) for the B Building project. The vote was taken on a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Battle.**

APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DDA Member Aguayo stepped down from the board on the third of June. That position was advertised. Four applications were received. Now, Member Peacock has turned in her resignation as well. Councilor Snyder consults with Attorney Gordon about the ability to go ahead and appoint both positions since there were enough applications. Gordon does not foresee a problem since it is an authority board and there are no legal requirements as to the advertising to fill those positions. He also takes a moment to can the DDA's bylaws and then gives Snyder to approval to proceed with both appointments. **Councilor**

Peacock makes a motion to nominate Jodi Reddock for the first position. There was not a second motion. Councilor Sheffield nominated Thad Haley and received a second motion from Councilor Battle. Chairman called for a vote and received a 3-1 approval with Peacock being against. When asking for motions for the second position, Councilor Peacock again makes a motion for Jodi Reddock. No other member seconded the motion. Councilor Snyder called for a vote and she was approved unanimously. Clerk Sheffield confirmed with Attorney Gordon that a second motion was not required in appointments.

LMIG:

It is time to finalize the next LMIG projects**. Selected areas are 1st Avenue from Main Street to Harrison Street, 3rd and 4th Avenues between Main Street and College Street, Main Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues, area of sidewalk there on 4th Avenue, Willow Way from Cedar Drive to Evergreen Circle, and Congo Lane from MLK to just past the intersection at the Connector. Council unanimously voted on this selection on a motion from Councilor Peacock and a second from Councilor Battle.**

PLAYGROUND BIDS FOR THE PARK:

Assistant Manager Winslette has already received a quote to redo the playground at the park. To be fair and follow any state requirements for the Park grant, she asks for **permission to advertise requesting quotes to upgrade and move the playground at the Park. Council agrees for her and Wynnon to proceed on a motion from Councilor Battle and a second from Councilor Sheffield.**

A/C AT THE PARK:

One of the air conditioners in the Park gym quit last year. They were hoping that the other ones would be able to cool down the gym without it. It was discovered during pickleball season that was not the case. **Wynnon asks the council for approval to put out a bid request on getting a new A/C unit. The council unanimously agreed to allow him to proceed on a motion from Councilor Peacock and a second from Councilor Battle.**

On a motion from Councilor Peacock, a second from Councilor Sheffield, and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN **CITY CLERK**